



# The Friends of Ditcham Park School

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## Welcome!

... to the penultimate FDPS newsletter of the Spring term.



Easter beckons and then, we hope, a lovely end-of-Spring-term holiday! We hope you have plenty of lovely activities and happy times planned for your time together with the children ☺ but before we get there we have Easter fun at Ditcham...

## Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March is Easter FunDay at Ditcham!

### A reminder for Juniors' parents

To celebrate the Easter season, on the **afternoon of Monday 30th March** the FDPS (in conjunction with the DPS Juniors staff) will host a "Spring-tastic" afternoon of Easter-themed fun activities for the Juniors, to which **Juniors parents are invited** too!

This year, our committee member Lucy Reidy is leading the organisation of this event for FDPS, working in conjunction with Mrs Parrott and the Junior's teaching staff. **Lucy needs a team of approximately six parent/helpers to assist on the day from 1pm** (although more would be fabulous!)... if you are interested to help out then please contact Lucy via the Friends email address [friendsditcham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsditcham@gmail.com).

If your child(ren) are in Juniors and you'd like to know more about the day's programme of events, please click [here](#) to visit the appropriate page on the FDPS website.



**Meet the Easter Bunny!**  
**Please hop along to DPS on 30th  
March for the Juniors'  
FDPS Easter Party!**



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**BREAKING NEWS! BREAKING NEWS! BREAKING NEWS!**

Your chance to own your very own limited edition print of the Ditcham Park School painting by Louise Braithwaite!



On Monday this week, the School proudly unveiled the original artwork painted by artist Louise Braithwaite (ably assisted by many of the School's children and staff!). Hopefully you'll soon have an opportunity to see this vibrant and characterful work of art for yourself (it is hanging in the Main Entrance Hall) and we think you'll agree it is a wonderful depiction of Ditcham and its community of 2014/15!

**FDPS will shortly be offering you the opportunity to order a limited edition print and a letter will be sent to all families in the next week, detailing the price and how to order.**

At the same time FDPS will be arranging production of some greeting card packs of the image and these will be for sale at our Medieval May Fayre on May 16<sup>th</sup>, and via our Friends' website.  
**More details to follow in next week's newsletter.**

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## Open Morning "Café"

Volunteers still needed... can you spare 30 minutes?

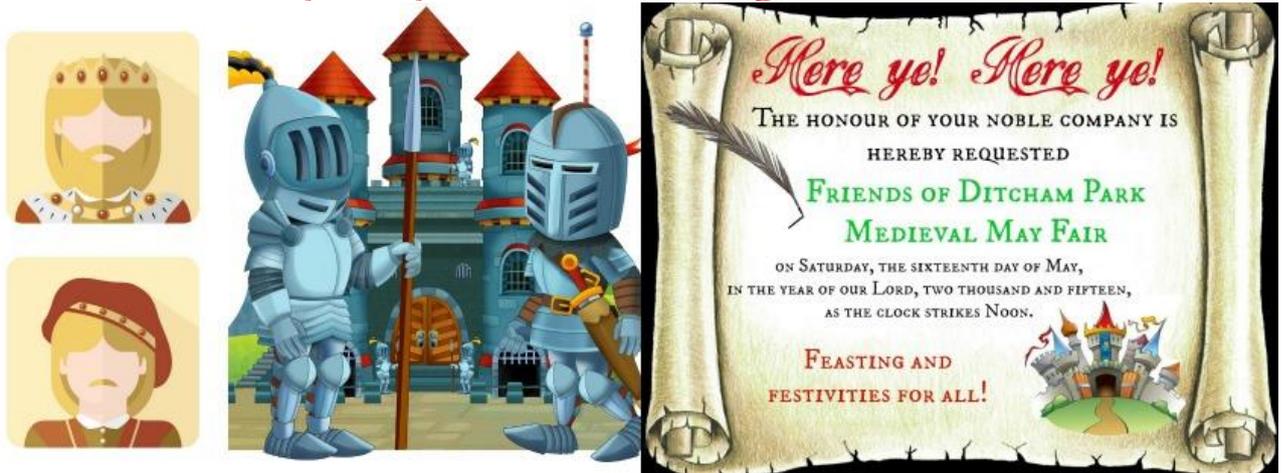


**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 is School Open Morning** and we invite parents to volunteer for a 30 minute "slot" in the School dining room or kitchen. FDPS members and existing parents traditionally serve refreshments to visitors. What better way to show how proud we are of Ditcham?

It is a **fun & sociable** way to help the School! If you would like to come along (perhaps with a year group friend) then please get in touch via email, letting us know what time you are available.

Contact Denise at [denise.allen@ditchampark.com](mailto:denise.allen@ditchampark.com) as soon as possible. The Open Morning café will be open from 10am to 1pm. Thank you ☺

## Medieval May Fayre – Coming Soon!



When we return from Easter holidays, it will be just two short weeks until our Medieval May Fayre on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. **Don't forget "Donations Day" will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May (and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May for food donations)...thank you!** More details in next week's newsletter.

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**Save the Date! Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015\***

## DITCHAM AFTER DARK!

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June\*, FDPS will host the **first ever Ditcham Camp-over!**

This will follow on from the School's very popular "Family Sports Event" held that same evening (\* this is the expected date but will be confirmed at the start of May).

You and your family are invited to camp out under the stars in the Walled Garden, with overnight access of the view "down the hill" to the sea, where you'll see the lights of the Isle of Wight and the ships in the Solent twinkling away in the distance too!

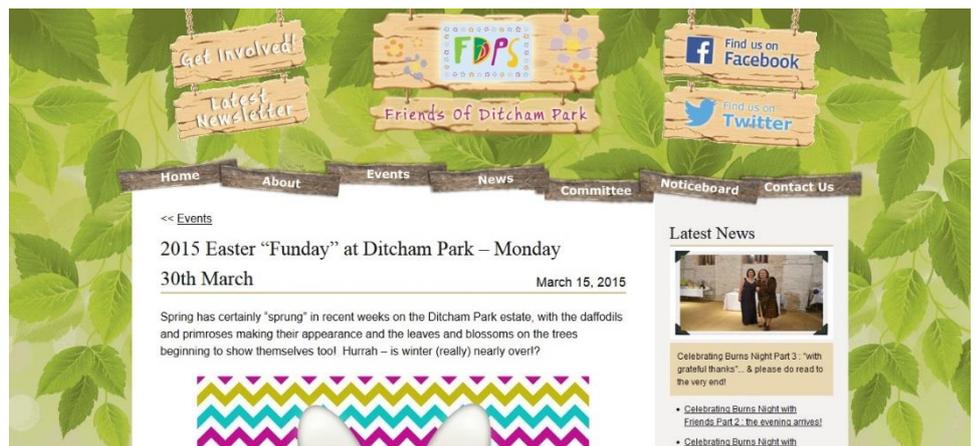
More details will be available soon, but in the meantime please "Save the Date" in your diaries – we don't want you to miss out in sharing this inaugural Camp-over experience with us!



## FRIENDS' WEBSITE NEWS

Just a reminder that you can keep in touch while you are away on Easter holidays, via the FDPS website. More details of the Medieval May Fayre, Ditcham After Dark and much much more will be posted while "**Skool's Out**"!

The website has recently undergone some updates, head on over to find out more!



**We hope you enjoy the coming weekend!**

**Denise Allen, on behalf of Vicki Harvey & the FDPS Committee**

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